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SUBJ: QUERY CONCERNING FARM WORKERS-TEAMSTERS AGREEMENT

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1. IT HAS PROVED EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN

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AUTHORITATIVE AND RELIABLE ESTIMATE OF CURRENT STATE OF

PLAY IN EVOLVING THREE-CORNERED LABOR DISPUTE AMONG UNITED FARM WORKERS (UFW) TEAMSTERS AND GRAPE GROWERS. NEW YORK TIMES, FOR EXAMPLE, CARRIES STORY TODAY FROM MIAMI WHERE AFL-CIO CONVENTION IS ABOUT TO GET UNDER WAY INDICATING THAT THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN REACHED WITH TEAMSTERS FOR SETTling THE FRAM-WORKER DISPUTE MIGHT BE FALLING APART. FULL REPORT ON SITUATION EXPECTED TO BE MADE AT THE CONVENTION.

2. ALTHOUGH UFW OFFICE IN WASHINGTON HAS AFFIRMED TO DEPT THAT NATIONAL BOYCOTT OF TABLE GRAPES NOW IN EFFECT, IT HAS YET PROVIDED NONE OF PROMISED DETAILS.

3. IN VIEW OF CONFLICTING INFORMATION AND RELATED UNCERTAINTIES INVOLVED AS WELL AS SENSITIVITIES DERIVING FROM THE JURISDICTIONAL ASPECTS OF THIS LABOR DISPUTE, DEPT RECOMMENDS THAT EMBASSY AVOID TRYING TO INTERPRET CURRENT STATUS OF DISPUTE, PARTICULARLY STATUS OF REPORTED BOYCOTT, AT THIS TIME AND INSTEAD ENCOURAGE INQUIRING TRADE UNION AND COMMERCIAL INTERESTS TO SEEK INFORMATION DIRECTLY FROM THE PRIVATE PARTIES CONCERNED. KISSINGER

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